39. Two-thirds of the cost of additional staff should be borne by the Centre during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

40. A refresher/orientation training may be organised for the different functionaries engaged in Rural Development Programme. For this purpose, additional training facilities be created wherever necessary and the full cost hereof may be borne by the Centre.

3070. [*Transferred to the 28 th August*, 1987].

3071. [*Transferred to the 24th August*, 1987].

Implementation of JCM Award in DRDO

3072. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1506 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision regarding implementation of the arbitration award (JCM) on Senior Scientific Assistants in the DRDO, Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, what are the reasons for delay; and

(c) by when a final decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The matter is still under consideration of the Government and a decision is expected to be taken shortly.

Bank overdraft amounts against Army Officers in Jammu and Kashmir

3073. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3185 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th December, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the overdraft amounts to bank branches in Jammu and Kashmir against the army officers have been liquidated; and

(b) if so, what is the outstanding amount against each of the officers which has been liquidated and the reasons for the non-recovery of the remaining amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) All army Officers and other ranks posted in Jammu and Kashmir have since liquidated and overdraft amounts due to the public sector banks. Those posted out of Jammu & Kashmir have been instructed to clear their dues immediately.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to divulge the particulars of individual officers and the amounts of overdraft cleared by them/outstanding against them.

Court cases against Cantonment Boards and Directorate of Defence Estates in U.P.

3074. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of court cases involving cantonment Boards in UP and Directorate of Defence Estates, Central Command, Lucknow, which are pending in District Courts, High Court and the Supreme Court:

(b) what is the number of cases in which the Cantonment Boards and the GOC-in-Chief Directorate of Defence Estates, Lucknow are the petitioner;

(c) what is the number of cases decided against the Cantonment Boards during the last three years, stating the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the total amount of expenditure incurred in each of the court cases; including payments to the Counsels, during the years 1986 and 1987, till date; and

(e) whether Government propose to hold any inquiry into such infructuous expenditure and wastage of public funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Seminar in Biotechnology

3075. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar was held recently to create an awareness amoungst financial institutions about the potential of bio-technology for rural development;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to use bio-technology for setting up of units to manufacture a number of products in States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) A seminar was organised by the Union Bank of India on July 28, 1987. The seminar was not particularly addressed to bio-technology for rural development. The objective of the seminar was to create an awareness among banks and financing institutions about the potential of promoting bio-technology based industries. Representatives from the financing institutions, industries, research organisations and concerned Government Departments participated in the seminar.

(c) The steps taken include the following:

(i) Development of infrastructure facilities for R&D and information network as break-up support for industrial growth in biotechnology;

(ii) Training of Personnel;

(iii) Organisation of seminars/workshops to provide linkage between the industry and the R&D institutions;

(iv) Organisation of meetings for interaction between the representatives of industries in India and abroad; and

(v) Venture capital to provide catalytic support for setting up of biotechnology based industrial units.

Complaints against Director, Defence Estates and Cantonment Eexecutive Officers, Lucknow

3076. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received by Government against the present Director, Defence Estates Central Command, Lucknow and the Cantonment Executive Officer Lucknow, respectively, from September 1983 to July, 1986;